

ENORMOUS LOSS WAS SUSTAINED BY JAPANESE

In the Attack On Port Arthur Which Was Started Saturday Evening and Resulted Only Partially Successful to the Attackers.

SEVERAL FORTS WERE CAPTURED

Attacks On Several Others Were Repulsed and the Japanese Will Not Resume Active Operations But Will Continue the Siege.

Rome, Nov. 25.—A Tokio despatch says that the general attacks on the Port Arthur fortifications which was begun on the night of November 26th, has been but partially successful. Forts Ehrungshan, East Ehrung and Miao-kubajama have been destroyed, but the Japanese attacks on Forts Sungshan, Vikwan and probably Kiekwan, were repulsed.

The Japanese losses are reported to be about seven thousand. The despatch says that the attack will not be resumed but that the Japanese will continue to besiege the town until the Russians are forced to capitulate from lack of food. The despatch also says that bitter cold prevails throughout Manchuria, especially along the Shakkhe river. Five of General Kuroki's sentinels were frozen to death at their posts.

JAPANESE DIET ASSEMBLES.

Mikado Will Make a Formal Speech Tomorrow.

Tokio, Nov. 25.—The Japanese diet assembled today. The Mikado will open formal sessions tomorrow with a speech from the throne.

Russian Naval Strength.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 25.—The Minister of Marine publishes a table representing the Russian naval strength in the far East as forty-eight vessels, including the Baltic fleet. Japan's strength is placed at twenty-five vessels. The statement adds that victory is consequently assured.

FIGHTING WAS FIERCE.

General Kuropatkin's Report of an Attack Made Nov. 24.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 27.—General Kuropatkin telegraphs a description of a Japanese attack on Nov. 24, against a Russian detachment near Esinketchen (Yensientien) the front of the left to the flank.

"The fighting," General Kuropatkin says, "was fierce, almost amounting to a bayonet engagement; but the enemy was everywhere repulsed and suffered severely. The attack was renewed the following morning, the Japanese having been reinforced, but again was repulsed, and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon a blizzard and fog greatly hindered artillery fire. The Japanese continued to advance under cover of the fog, but our forces held their positions, and the firing subsequently slackened. The Russian losses were nine killed and fifty-seven wounded."

"On Nov. 26, the Japanese resumed the offensive, and endeavored to envelop our left flank, whilst advancing against our center."

"I have received no later reports." General Kuropatkin also describes the bayoneting of twenty Japanese, belonging to a patrol during a reconnaissance the night of Nov. 25.

A RUSSIAN SENSATION.

Government Method of Preserving Proves Very Inefficient.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 25.—The report of the Russian commissariat department which has just been published, has caused a great sensation and has aroused undignified discontent. The department recently adopted a new method of preserving meats. This method was woefully inefficient and the meats became rotten. The soldiers refused to use the meat and hundreds of thousands of pounds were wasted. It also asserted that 250 railroad cars loaded with shoes, clothes and provisions, some of them purchased for the soldiers by private subscription, have been lost. The newspapers are unanimous in their demand on the government for the remedy of the existing evils in the department.

JURY DISCHARGED.

New One Will be Selected on Dec. 5, in Nan Patterson Case.

New York, Nov. 28.—The jury in the Nan Patterson trial was discharged today on account of the serious illness of Juror Dressler. Judge Davis issued a call for a new panel of talesmen to report December 5. Meanwhile Miss Patterson remains in the Tombs.

KILLED IN EXPLOSION.

Cause of Accident in New York Gas Plant Not Yet Determined.

New York, Nov. 28.—One man is dead, three are in a hospital suffering from burns and lacerations, and several others are less seriously hurt as the result of an explosion yesterday in the generating house of the Consolidated Gas company's plant, in West 44th street.

There were 40 workmen in the generating house and all were either knocked down or were thrown against the walls. James Kane, 27 years old, received a fractured skull and died two hours later. Every window in the building was blown out, and the force of the explosion was felt over a large section of the west side. The cause of the explosion is not known. It occurred in the 18-inch main, carrying the freshly made gas from six huge generators in the floor of the house to the purifiers.

Wm. J. Hawthorne, superintendent of the Consolidated Gas company's plant, was arrested on the technical charge of homicide and was later released in bail of \$500.

A HORRIBLE CRIME.

New York Woman Confesses to Torturing Her Infant Before Furnace.

New York, Nov. 25.—According to the police Ida Englehardt, a young German woman under arrest in Paterson, N. J., has confessed that she roasted her infant before a furnace fire until it had been fatally burned.

She was employed by Moses T. La Forge in Paterson. Saturday Mr. La Forge found the infant in an ash barrel. The child was alive, but parts of its body were badly burned and it died in a hospital later.

Investigation resulted in the arrest of Ida Englehardt, who said she was the mother of the baby and confessed that she carried it to the cellar and exposed the body to the heat of the furnace. The child's cries, she feared, according to the police story of the confession, would awaken the house, while the odor of burning flesh was filling the cellar, so she desisted. Thinking the baby dead, she threw it into the ash barrel.

KILLED AT DINNER TABLE.

Col. Chaves, One of the Best Known Republicans of New Mexico.

Albuquerque, N. M., Nov. 25.—News reached here yesterday of the assassination of Col. R. Francisco Chaves, probably the best known Republican politician in New Mexico, at Pinos Wella, Terrence county. Colonel Chaves was the guest of a friend and while they were eating supper a shot was fired through a window and Chaves fell from his chair dead. Posses with blood hounds are searching for the assassin.

Colonel Chaves served as a soldier under Kit Carson in many Indian wars of New Mexico, and in 1861 was commissioned major of the First New Mexico infantry by President Lincoln and afterwards promoted to colonel.

THREE BOYS DROWNED.

Attempted to Cross a Reservoir on Thin Ice.

New Britain, Conn., Nov. 27.—While on their way to Sunday school this morning, Harold C. Parks, 12; his brother, Howard I. Parks, 8; and George Halverson, 10 years old, were drowned in Walnut Hill reservoir, which they attempted to cross on a thin coating of ice.

The boys came from the east shore and had got to within twenty feet of the opposite side, when they broke through. Their caps floating over the hole where their owners went down, served as a hint to a possible tragedy, and the fire department, after dragging for several hours, recovered the bodies which were identified later in the day.

DRAGGED INTO BUSHES.

Mrs. Jacob Warner of Scranton, Pa., Was Murdered Yesterday.

Scranton, Pa., Nov. 28.—The body of Mrs. Jacob Warner, aged 40, was found yesterday in a clump of bushes on a vacant lot, two blocks from her home. Her skull was fractured and there were evidences of criminal assault. There is no clue to the woman's assailant.

Mrs. Warner left the center of the city for her home in a trolley and alighted at a corner from which she had three blocks to walk. A pool of blood was found at a point about a block from where she had left the car, and there was evidence that the woman had been dragged into the lot.

WHISKEY STILL REVEALED.

But Not Until After It Had Blown Up in a New York Tenement House.

New York, Nov. 28.—A whiskey still blew up in an Allen street tenement house last night, starting a fire and causing the tenants to rush from the building in a panic. The fire was quickly extinguished. The door of the room in which the explosion occurred was blown down and the police found in the badly wrecked room a plant for making whiskey. None of the other tenants knew the occupant of the place nor of the existence of the still.

A search is being made for the owner of the plant.

First Viscount Ridley Dead.

London, Nov. 28.—Right Honorable Matthew Ridley (First Viscount Ridley) is dead.

12 BURIED IN A SEWER

A St. Louis Disaster Wipes Out Many.

SEWER CAVED IN TODAY

Of Those Who Were Buried in the Trench Two Dead Bodies Have Already Been Removed.

St. Louis, Nov. 28.—A sewer caved in at King's Highway and Arsenal street today, burying a gang of city laborers. It is believed that twelve were killed. Two dead bodies have already been taken out.

STRIKE RECORDS SMASHED.

Fall River, Mass., Operatives Are Beginning on 19th Week of Strike.

Fall River, Mass., Nov. 28.—With all strike records smashed, both as to length and the number of hands involved, the 18th week of idleness in the mill mills ended Saturday, but still without a sign of any break or of negotiations likely to lead to any settlement. The manufacturers flatly declare they cannot pay anything more than the reduced scale of wages, and the help just as persistently declare that they will never go back till the notices come down.

Leading manufacturers profess to have less disposition to concede anything than they did some time ago, because of the success which they claim is attending the efforts to open the mills in spite of the strike. Opinions differ as to the success attendant on this plan of breaking the strike. The Seacomet and Davis have passed the debatable stage and are believed to be on a fair running basis. The Arkwright and King Phillips, and possibly the Anacona, are readily reported to be approaching the same condition.

But with the other mills the showing is extremely slim; the manufacturers say it is encouraging, and the strikers say as forcefully claim it is a farce. However, prospects are that the experiment will be continued next week and mill men look for steady gains.

It cannot be denied that the success of some of the mills in this respect has caused much discontent among the help, and that in many quarters may be found operatives who are convinced that their best interests will be served by returning to work. It would not be surprising if the opening of the third week of this attempt would find considerable accessions to the ranks of returning operatives. The mill management is doing everything possible to encourage help to return and to make oppressive the affairs of those who will not return.

35 PEOPLE INJURED.

Train Derailed on a Perfectly Straight Track in Mississippi.

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 28.—A special to the Commercial Appeal from Columbus, Miss., says a passenger train on the Mobile & Ohio railroad was derailed late yesterday near that town, 35 people being injured.

All the injured, none of whom will die, were residents of the South.

The place where the wreck occurred is a perfectly straight track on an embankment twenty feet high on both sides. The combined baggage and express cars rolled down the embankment and the other two coaches, both passenger, were torn loose and fell to the bottom of the embankment. The cause of the accident is unknown.

THREE ARRESTS MADE.

Tramps Suspected of Knowing Something About the Brigham Murder.

Worcester, Mass., Nov. 27.—Three men, apparently tramps, were arrested yesterday afternoon at Spencer, on suspicion of knowing something about the murder of Mrs. Emma Brigham of Leicester.

Deputy Sheriff Henry P. Draper and Special Officer Bells of Spencer made the arrest. The men gave their names as Patrick Stanton, Thomas Courtney and George Rivet, respectively, the last named claiming to be from Springfield.

Rivet closely answered the description of the stranger seen yesterday in Cherry valley and Leicester.

GAS JETS WERE OPEN.

Frank Lavigne of Littleton Asphyxiated in Boston.

Boston, Nov. 27.—While endeavoring to locate a leak in a gas pipe last night, a porter at the Hotel Kettoror, on Canal street, broke down the door of one of the sleeping rooms and found within the body of a man who had been asphyxiated. One of the gas jets were open.

The man, accompanied by a woman, arrived at the hotel about 9 o'clock last night and registered as "Frank Lavigne and wife." When the room was entered tonight no trace of the woman was seen, nor was anything that would identify the dead man to be found.

Oberlin Bank Closes Its Doors.

Oberlin, Ohio, Nov. 28.—The Citizens' National Bank closed its doors this morning. It has caused great excitement here.

PROMINENT CABOT MAN

Dr. L. S. Wiswell Died Last Night, Aged 78 Years.

WAS SKILLED SURGEON.

Dr. Wiswell Settled in Cabot in 1861—After Having Practiced in Wolcott and Hyde Park—Funeral Wednesday.

Cabot, Nov. 28.—Dr. S. L. Wiswell, one of the most prominent citizens of this place and well-known throughout this section of the state, died last night from a complication of diseases. The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Dr. Wiswell was born in Richford December 19, 1826, and was therefore nearly 78 years of age. He was graduated from the Pittsfield, Mass., Medical College in 1851. He practiced medicine in Wolcott and Hyde Park, and in 1861 settled in this place where he had resided up to the time of death. Dr. Wiswell had been pension examiner since 1868. In 1885 he became a member of the pension board with Dr. J. E. Macomber of Montpelier and Dr. J. Henry Jackson of Barre.

His wife, Scraphina Crosby Wiswell, a native of Hardwick, survives him, also a daughter, Gertrude, who is the wife of the present state senator from Washington county, M. E. Wells.

Dr. Wiswell was a Democrat from his youth, and had been a Democratic candidate for office several times in a strong Republican town. He was a skilled surgeon.

WAS PROMINENT PHYSICIAN.

Dr. W. R. Hutchinson of Enosburgh Falls Died Saturday Night.

Enosburgh Falls, Nov. 27.—Dr. W. R. Hutchinson, one of the oldest physicians in this section, died at his home last night from the effects of cancer. He had been ill for a long time and was obliged to give up his practice last spring.

W. R. Hutchinson was born in Grand Isle in 1824 and graduated from the Castleton Medical College in 1848. In 1849 he and Celinda C. Smith of Monkton were married and he came to Enosburgh Center, where he settled and practiced his profession until 1875. During that time he served as town clerk for 19 years and represented the town in the legislature in 1864. He was a member of the senate in 1868-9. When he moved here from the center he turned his practice there over to his son, W. W. Hutchinson, who was also elected town clerk to succeed him.

MRS. W. G. PARKER'S FUNERAL.

Held Saturday Afternoon With Interment in Elmwood.

The funeral of Mrs. W. G. Parker, who died last Wednesday evening, was held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from her late home on Washington street. Many relatives and friends were in attendance, the house being filled. The Rev. Francis A. Poole, pastor of the Congregational church, officiating. A quartette consisting of Mrs. B. W. Braley, Miss Harris, W. D. Kidder and Frank H. Dyer, sang three selections, "Lead Kindly Light," "One Sweetly Solenn Thought," and "Come to our Hearts and Abide." There were many beautiful floral tributes.

The bearers were Mr. Parker, the husband, Earle E. Parker, the son, Byron Phelps, a brother, and three nephews, Sidney Martin of Essex Junction, and Arthur and Jesse Phelps. The interment was in the family lot in Elmwood cemetery.

FUNERAL HELD YESTERDAY.

Mrs. Fannie Samson's Remains Buried in Hope Cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Fannie Samson was held at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the home of her son, E. L. Samson, on the Montpelier road, the Rev. F. A. Poole of the Congregational church officiating. The pall bearers were E. L. Samson, Fred Samson, Ned Samson, Clarence Cutler, Harley and Clayton Meeker. The interment was in the Hope cemetery.

A DARING ESCAPE.

Two United States Army Prisoners Earned Their Freedom.

New York, Nov. 28.—Two United States army prisoners escaped from Governor's island last night by jumping from the parapet of Castle William to the ground below, thirty feet. The men, James Dunning and John Doyle, made their way unobserved to the water front, where they swam to a dory anchored near shore, in which they rowed out into the bay.

They hailed a ferry boat which picked them up and, believing them to be shipwrecked sailors, landed them in Brooklyn, where all trace of them was lost. Dunning and Doyle were transferred to Governor's island about eight months ago from western posts, from which they had deserted. On being captured they were tried by court martial and both received sentences of imprisonment at hard labor for terms of one and a half years. Dunning still had seven months to serve and Doyle was within five months of his full term.

HALL WAS JAMMED FULL.

Third Night of St. Monica's Fair Brought Out a Big Crowd.

The pavilion was packed full Saturday evening at the third night of the St. Monica's fair and booths and prize books did a rushing business. The entertainment was especially interesting, consisting of songs, recitations and pantomimes by the young people and a very clever exhibition of juggling, acrobatic feats and hoop rolling by McKnight, Turner and Cummings.

The attraction tonight will be the farce, "Train to Mauro." The cast: Station agent, F. M. McEnany; Johnny, R. Hoyt; Mrs. Butterworth, Miss Albee Healy; solo, "Mother Is Waiting at Home for Me," Wm. H. McTurk.

There will also appear this evening Barre's three great jugglers and acrobats, McKnight, Turner and Cummings, with new features.

LAST BUT NOT THE LEAST.

Ladies of the Episcopal Church Will Have a Fair as Usual.

The ladies of St. Elizabeth's Chapter of the Episcopal church will hold a fair in Hale's pavilion Dec. 7-8. They will place on sale a variety of useful and fancy articles suitable for Xmas gifts, also a large line of dressed dolls, doll's clothing and small toys. The lovers of home made candy can have their wants supplied. An excellent programme has been prepared for each evening. The opening evening the boys of the choir under the direction of Mrs. A. W. Allen will give a Lilliputian Minstrel Show. The second evening an entertaining farce will be presented by local talent.

A fish chowder supper will be served Thursday evening from 5 until 7. Admission to the fair, 10c. Super tickets, 15c. The fair will be open Thursday afternoon. The ladies cordially invite the public and hope for a continuance of their generous patronage.

GRATEFUL MEN.

Representatives of Fall River Textile Union Express Appreciation.

James Moffitt and Thomas Foley, representing the Textile Workers of Fall River, who have been in Barre a portion of the past two weeks, leave the city tomorrow for Northfield and other points in Vermont. Before leaving they desire the times to express their thanks for the many kindnesses shown them since they have been in Barre, for the liberal contributions to the cause they represent, to W. H. Noonan & Co., who gave them lodgings while in the city, and to P. F. McCarty, international secretary of the Quarrymen's Union, for the use of his office as headquarters during their stay here, and for all the work he has done for them.

SUING FOR DIVORCE.

Mrs. Wilkins Wants Separation From Former Barre Man.

Burlington, Nov. 28.—The attention of the short session of Chittenden county court now in progress was occupied Saturday with divorce matters. There was a hearing in the case of Lila Wilkins vs. George B. Wilkins on a petition for temporary alimony. Mr. Wilkins' financial condition was inquired into, etc. There was also a motion of the petitioner heard to set aside an order giving the child of the parties into the custody of the mother. No decision was announced in either matter when court came in this afternoon. H. S. Peck appears for Mrs. Wilkins and Cushman & Mower for Mr. Wilkins.

DEATH OF THEATRICAL MAN.

Fred R. Hamlin Who Brought Out Production of "Arizona."

New York, Nov. 28.—Fred R. Hamlin, a well-known theatrical manager and of the firm of Hamlin, Mitchell & Fields, died suddenly at his home here last night.

Mr. Hamlin had been ill for several months and recently spent a few weeks at Virginia Hot Springs. He did not improve and Saturday night was taken with a hemorrhage of the nose, which was not checked until yesterday. Last night Hamlin became suddenly delirious and 20 minutes later died. He came from a theatrical family. His theatrical career began about five years ago with the production of "Arizona." Recently he produced "The Wizard of Oz," and "Babes in Toyland."

AGAINST EIGHT HOUR LAW.

Commissioner Wright Finds That It Would Increase Cost of Supplies.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 28.—Commissioner of Labor Carroll D. Wright has completed his investigation into the desirability, extent and results of the proposed eight-hour law for government contract work. The work was performed at the request of the House committee on labor, which wanted expert knowledge and official statistics to guide it in disposing of the bill.

The belief generally prevails, that Colonel Wright's investigation has not resulted satisfactorily to the labor men, the consensus of opinion being that enforcement of the proposed eight-hour law would increase the cost of various supplies to the government, and be detrimental to the business world.

NO CHANGE PROBABLE.

Russian Statesman Says Everything Depends Upon the War.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 28.—One of the most commanding figures and far-seeing statesmen of the empire, whose opinion is of highest value, but who has declined to permit the use of his name, today expressed the distinct conviction that nothing in the nature of a radical change in the existing order of things would result from the Zemstvo congress. In his opinion, everything depends upon the war.

COMING BACK TO WORK

Vermont Legislature Reconvenes Tomorrow.

AND THERE IS MUCH TO DO

Public Hearing on Mary Rogers Case Booked for Tomorrow Evening

—Election an Attorney General

Wednesday.

Montpelier, Nov. 25.—After a Thanksgiving recess of one week during which the members drew no pay but received mileage one way, the legislature will reconvene tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock to finish up the work left on hand. In anticipation of the opening many of the state officers are already in Montpelier and some of the members came drifting in this afternoon. More will arrive tonight, but there promises to be no lack of empty seats when the presiding officers' gavels fall tomorrow morning. In fact, a large proportion of the legislature prefers to let a limited number do the work. This limited number has always done the work and probably always will. So the limited number will be on hand tomorrow morning with a few stragglers outside.

That there is need for active participation is evident by the mass of work on hand. Really each branch has not made more than a fair beginning on the business mapped out for it. Very little important legislation has been settled, either killed or approved. The one important thing done has been the creating of the office of attorney general for the state of Vermont. This year the legislature elects a man to the office; for the biennial periods following, the people direct elect him. The legislature will complete its duty with the matter Wednesday forenoon when it will elect Clark C. Fitts, the representative from Brattleboro, to the position. That is considered as practically a foregone conclusion, in spite of the heroic efforts put forth by several other candidates for the first honor.

And if that matter will be easily disposed of, there is another which will worry the House considerably, that is the bill to commute the death sentence of Mary Rogers, condemned to be hanged for the murder of her husband. Those who have been working tooth and nail to have Representative Archibald of Manchester, one of her counsel—did a wise thing in delaying consideration of the bill until after the recess. If the question, "Shall Mrs. Rogers be hanged?" had come up after the bill abolishing capital punishment had been killed, there would not have been the least shadow of a doubt regarding the disposal of Mrs. Rogers' petition. Now, however, it is generally considered that the opportunity is more favorable to the condemned woman.

Hearing on "Shall Mrs. Rogers Hang?"

A public hearing on the Mrs. Rogers' bill will be held before the judiciary committee tomorrow evening, at which time a large crowd of people will undoubtedly be in attendance. This same committee had consideration of the bill to substitute life imprisonment for the death sentence. One of the legislators most interested is Collins M. Graves of Bennington. As it is in his section that the Rogers woman was born and has always lived as well as being the place where her crime was committed. Representative Graves believes that the House will refuse to commute the sentence by a vote practically as overwhelming as that refusing the substitution of life imprisonment for the death penalty. That vote was 153 to 83. He believes that the "woman hanging" cry will not affect the members greatly.

Meanwhile Mrs. Rogers in solitary confinement in state's prison, awaits the verdict with a manner almost stolid. Her mother and a sick sister are anxious. The latter firmly believes that her sister's sentence will be changed to life imprisonment, while the mother hardly dares hope either way. The general public in the neighborhood of the condemned woman's former home is against her.

MIDSHIPMAN SWASEY'S WORK.

Recently Stood Fourth in His Class of About 250 Members.

Word has been received in this city from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., that in the recent examinations, Midshipman Truman Swasey of Barre stood fourth in his class, while on the same examinations there were 40 of his classmates who handed in unsatisfactory papers. Swasey's class entered the Naval Academy with about 300 members; during the first of his course Swasey stood about 100th, last spring he came up in one examination to 20th, and now has got up to 4th. This shows that the young man is doing remarkable work.

FAVORABLE TO COLLEGES.

Supreme Court Sustains New York Courts in Fayerweather Case.

Washington, Nov. 28.—Supreme court today sustained the judgment of the New York courts in the famous Fayerweather will case which has been pending in the courts thirteen years. The judgment favors the colleges to which the funds have been bequeathed. Seven millions are involved.